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EXAMINER:

FOR: ELECTRONIC BID METHOD AND ELECTRONIC BID SYSTEM

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references cited in the attached Korean Office Action listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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**NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR FILING OPINION**

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Title of Invention:

The following reasons for rejection have been found as the result of examination of the present application, and will be notified under Section 63 of the Patent Law. Any opinion and/or amendment must be filed by the above due date.

**REASON**

The invention according to all the claims of the present application is unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that it could easily have been made prior to this application by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which it pertains, in respects stated below.

**REMARKS**

1. Korean Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 2000-36795
2. Korean Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 2000-36551
3. EP 0 987 644
4. US 5,826,244
5. EP 0 828 223

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The invention according to all the claims of the present application claims an electric bidding method and system, in which purchase intention information regarding a purchaser is disclosed for a distributor, the distributor determines a sale condition based on the information, and the purchaser is informed of the condition through a service provider. However, reference 1 discloses a bidding method which is carried out through: a purchaser bid registering stage wherein a purchaser, who will buy an article, uses the Internet

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to communicate with a web page on a service provider side, and inputs and provides article purchase information including his or her wishful price for the article, thereby registering his or her intention to purchase the article; and a distributor bid request stage wherein a distributor, who will sell an article, uses the Internet to communicate with the web page of the service provider side, and retrieve the article purchase information input and provided at the purchaser bid registering stage, and then inputs and provides article sale information including his or her wishful price for the article, thereby registering his or her intention to sell the article. Also, reference 2 discloses a stage wherein a distributor indicates his or her intention to sell an article, in reply to a trade proposal of a purchaser, via an intermediary computer. References 3-5 disclose similar inventions. Therefore, the present invention can be easily achieved by a person with ordinary skill in the art based on the above references, since they are in structure similar to the invention, and the advantages thereof can be estimated from the references.

**[Attachments]**

1. Copy of Korean Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 2000-36795 (July 5, 2000)
2. Copy of Korean Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 2000-36551 (July 5, 2000)
3. Copy of USP 5,826,244 (October 20, 1998)
4. Copy of EP 0 987 644 (March 22, 2000)
5. Copy of EP 0 828 223 (March 11, 1998)